



AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1771  
**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

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Appln. No.: 09/317,986

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Examiner: C. Pratt

For: MELT-BLOWN, NON-WOVEN FABRIC OF POLYARYLENE SULFIDE AND  
METHOD FOR PRODUCING SAME

**RESPONSE**

ATTN: BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please consider the following Applicants' response to the outstanding rejection of  
September 24, 2001, twice extended to February 24, 2001 by an appropriate two-month petition  
for extension of time and fee submitted herewith.

**REMARKS**

Review and reconsideration on the merits are requested.

Prior art considered: U.S. Patent 4,454,189, Fukata (Fukata); U.S. Patent 6,130,292,  
Harwood et al (Harwood); U.S. Patent 4,950,529 Ikeda et al (Ikeda); EP 0709499 Auerbach et al  
(Auerbach); EP 0353717 Senga et al (Senga).

Claims 1, 6, 8 and 10-18 are pending. Claims 11-17 have been withdrawn from  
consideration. Claims 19-20 have been withdrawn from consideration.

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